

For Immediate ReleaseCHIEF JUSTICE ALAN B. GOLD TO BE INSTALLED AS CHANCELLOR

MONTREAL / June 1, 1987 --- The Honorable Alan B. Gold, Chief Justice of the Québec Superior Court, will be installed as Chancellor of Concordia University at a special ceremony at Concordia's Engineering and Computer Science spring convocation, to be held this year on Friday, June 12th, 1987, beginning at 10:00 a.m., in the Salle Wilfrid-Pelletier at Place des Arts.

More than 80 university chancellors and other academic officials from all 10 provinces have been invited to the colourful ceremony.

Chief Justice Gold was appointed Chancellor on February 5, 1987. His five-year term of office ends December 31, 1991.

He succeeded W. Earle McLaughlin, former Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of The Royal Bank of Canada, who stepped down December 31, 1986, at the end of his five-year term.

Concordia's new Chancellor has a long and distinguished career as a jurist, labour mediator and academic. He was called to the Québec Bar in 1941, and has served as a District Judge and Vice-Chairman of the Québec Labour Relations Board (1961 to 1965); as Associate Chief Judge of the Québec Provincial Court (1965 to 1970); as Chief Judge of the Provincial Court (1970 to 1983); and as Chief Justice of Québec Superior Court (1983 to the present). Chief Justice Gold was also a founding director of the Legal Aid Bureau of Montréal (1956 to 1960), and was President of the Judicial Council of the Province of Québec (1978 to 1983).

The 69-year-old jurist has a national reputation for his skills as a conciliator and labour mediator, and he has played key roles in settling some of Canada's most difficult labour conflicts -- both in the para-public and private sectors. He has successfully mediated labour disputes in the railway, construction, and airline industries, as well as at Canada Post, the Royal Canadian Mint and the foreign service.

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Chief Justice Gold's talents as a labour specialist have also been recognized at the provincial level. He served as Chief Arbitrator between the Québec Government and its many employee unions during all of the provincial labour negotiations from 1966 to 1983, and he was Chief Arbitrator between the Maritime Employers Association and the International Longshoremen's Association (for the ports of Montréal, Trois-Rivières and Québec City) from 1967 to 1975. He was named an Officer of the Order of Québec in 1985.

The Montréal-born Chief Justice also has a long association with academe -- both as a professor and administrator. He served as a lecturer at the McGill University Law Faculty from 1957 to 1971, and was named the Faculty's Scholar-in-Residence in 1982.

He also brings to Concordia many years of university administrative experience. Chief Justice Gold joined McGill University's Board of Governors in 1974 and served as its Chairman from 1978 to 1982. He was named Governor-Emeritus at McGill in 1984.

As titular head of Concordia University the Chancellor's duties are largely ceremonial, but like the Governor-General or monarch, he can and does offer advice to the senior administration on a wide range of issues. The Chancellor is also an ex-officio member of Concordia University's Board of Governors and assists in the work of several Board committees.

In addition to his academic responsibilities, Concordia's new Chancellor has been active for the past 14 years in various administrative capacities at Place des Arts. He has served both as a director and member of the cultural centre's Executive Council (1973 to 1982), and as Vice-Chairman of the Société de la Place des Arts (1982 to the present).

Educated at Queen's University (B.A. '38) and the Université de Montréal (LL.L cum laude '41), Chief Justice Gold has received honorary degrees from both alma mater -- Université de Montréal (1978) and Queen's University (1982) -- and from McGill University (1984).

Chief Justice Gold is married to Lynn Lubin and has three children, Marc, Nora and Daniel.

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